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Public Minutes of the meeting of Shareholder Committee held at Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 3.30 pm

Shareholder Committee Members Physically Present and voting:

**Councillor Jonathan Lester, Leader of the Council (Chairperson)
Councillors Carole Gandy and Elissa Swinglehurst (attending as substitute for Councillor Stoddart)**

Shareholder Committee Members in remote attendance

None

Shareholder Committee members attending the meeting remotely, e.g. through video conferencing facilities, may not vote on any decisions taken.

Other members / representatives in attendance

Cllr Stef Simmons (Acting Group Leader for Green Party), online
Cllr David Hitchiner (Chair of Audit and Governance and substitute for Cllr Harvey, in person)

Officers in attendance:

Roger Allonby (Service Director Economy and Growth), Hilary Hall (Corporate Director Community Wellbeing), Sean O'Conner (Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), Rachael Sanders, (Director of finance),

Audrey Clements (Chief Executive, Hoople) in attendance for Hoople item only.

Donna Thornton and Samantha Gregory (Clerk).

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Councillor Biggs and Councillor Stoddart,

Apologies were received from non-committee members: Councillor Harvey

Apologies were received from officers: Paul Walker

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

26. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

27. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

None received.

For the following three items on the agenda, the Chair proposed a vote that the meeting moved into a private session. This being due to the reports containing information relating to information relating to any individual (pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) and the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was resolved that:

- a) **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act paragraphs 1 and 3, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information**

The next meeting was confirmed to take place on 19 March 2026.

28. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO CYBER QUARTER LIMITED & HOOPLE LTD

It was resolved that:

- a. **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

29. CYBER QUARTER LIMITED UPDATE

It was resolved that:

- a. **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

30. HOOPLE LTD UPDATE

It was resolved that:

- a. **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely**

disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Chairperson

The public meeting ended at 15:40

